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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 6:27 PM **To:** Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Homeless Hub - NW London

I consent to having this letter shared at council.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the proposal to open a homeless hub in North West London, specifically in the vicinity of Whitehills, Fox-Hollow, and Hyde Park. I strongly believe that this idea is not only ill-conceived but also poses a significant potential threat to the safety and well-being of our community.

While I wholeheartedly support initiatives aimed at addressing homelessness and providing support to those in need, the choice of location for this homeless hub raises serious questions. The other proposed homeless hubs are strategically placed within the downtown core or near Victoria Hospital, which makes logical sense due to the availability of resources, transportation options, and proximity to services. Placing one in North West London seems arbitrary and disconnected from the needs of the homeless population it aims to serve.

Moreover, the fact that there is a children's store adjacent to the proposed location is deeply concerning. It is essential to prioritize the safety and well-being of our children and families. The coexistence of a homeless hub and a children's store in such close proximity could potentially expose young and vulnerable individuals to unsafe situations, which is entirely unacceptable.

Our community in North West London has always strived to be a safe and welcoming place for all residents. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to maintaining our neighborhood's security and harmony. Introducing a homeless hub without the consent or support of the community not only disregards our concerns but also undermines the trust between local authorities and the residents they represent.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and engage in a transparent and inclusive dialogue with the community to explore alternative solutions that meet the needs of the homeless population while safeguarding the well-being of our residents. The residents of North West London deserve a say in decisions that directly impact our community's character and safety.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns, and I hope we can all work together to find a more suitable and responsible solution to address homelessness in our city